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NEW MEXICO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

WEEKLY RESOURCE WRAP-UP

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UPCOMING WEBINARS AND EVENTS

Are You Getting the Most for Your Technology Dollar?

January 20 at 11 am

Register

Remaking the Economy: Health, Racial Disparities, and Economic Justice

January 21 at 12 pm

Register

Overview of International Trade Resources

January 27 at 11:30 am

Register

USDA Webinar: FY 2021 Strategic Economic and Community Development (SECD) Funding Opportunity

February 9 at 2 pm

Register

WESST Farmington Training

COVID-19 Recovery Resources

NEW! PPP Resumed on Jan 11

1st and 2nd draw PPP loans resumed on Jan 11 with some updated rules. For application assistance, go to the NM Small Business
Development Center website.

Learn More

NEW! Emergency Rental Assistance Program

The Emergency Rental Assistance program makes available \$25 billion to assist households that are unable to pay rent and utilities due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The funds are provided directly to states, U.S. Territories, local governments, and Indian tribes. Grantees use the funds to provide assistance to eligible households through existing or newly created rental assistance programs.

Learn More

EIDL Deadline

Conversations and Connections: Virtual Networking Meeting

February 17 at 2 pm

Register

ACE/ AES Export Compliance Seminar

February 23-24 **Register**

Local On Demand SCORE Webinars:

- <u>PPP Loan Forgiveness</u> Application Requirements
- Economic Injury Disaster Loan

N.M. Tax and Revenue New Businesses and New Employers workshops

ARTICLES/LINKS

New Mexico Economic Recovery
Council releases recommendations for
how state can rebuild from Covid-19

Homegrown New Mexico Science And Tech Companies Including UbiQD Awarded Innovation Research Grants

Film industry adapting well to COVID-19 reality

Albuquerque Economic Development: New Mexico is Home to Some of the Lowest Renewable Energy Costs in the U.S.

<u>Target economic development</u> <u>spending for growth</u>

How Cities Should Get Ready for the Biden Stimulus

<u>Three new border bills related to trade, security, infrastructure to take effect</u>

Albuquerque's Quest to Buy Local Everything

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced that the deadline to apply for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan (EIDL) program for the COVID-19 Pandemic disaster declaration is extended to Dec. 31, 2021.

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Restoration and Resilience COVID Recovery Fund

The Restoration and Resilience COVID Recovery Fund is providing grants to support public lands, including parks, nature areas, and other green spaces, that have been impacted by increased use during the COVID-19 pandemic. The focus is on supporting agencies and organizations responsible for maintaining public lands by distributing resources and mobilizing volunteers to help keep up with increased human presence in these delicate ecosystems. Grants of up to \$2,500 will be awarded. Nonprofit organizations, state or federal government agencies, federally recognized tribes and local governments, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. **Deadlines: February 1, April 1, and June 1.**

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TRIBAL RESOURCE: Chamiza Foundation Covid-19 Emergency Relief Fund

The Chamiza Foundation is accepting applications from Pueblo Indian organizations and organizations serving Pueblo communities in New Mexico that are responding to direct threats from COVID-19. The grant awards will range from \$3,000 to \$12,000. Specific areas of interest include food, medical supplies, and personal items; water; community relief and recovery needs; and internet access and connectivity. **Deadlines: February 12 and May 7.**

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Community Fund: Emergency Food Distribution

County and Tribal Managers can apply for communities in need of emergency food distribution due to COVID or a lockdown in response to COVID.

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EDD Highlights Important COVID News Updates:

SBA Extends Crucial Lifeline to Borrowers Impacted by COVID-19 with Debt Relief: The new law extends SBA debt relief authority, allowing the Administration to continue alleviating adverse economic effects of COVID-19 for small businesses with SBA loans.

Learn more...

CDC COVID Data Tracker: See how many vaccinations have been distributed by state. **Learn more...**

Fifth COVID-19 Relief Bill Enacted: The package includes about \$900 billion in additional COVID-19 relief, a yearend omnibus appropriations package, and a variety of other legislation. **Learn more...**

DOL Releases Guidance on COVID-19 Unemployment Insurance (UI) Programs: Contact the State Unemployment Office for assistance. **Learn more...**

Register for the COVID vaccine: Register now to receive the vaccine when it is your turn. Once you register, you will get a code that allows you to check your registration. Another notice will be sent to you when it is time to set up your appointment. **Learn more...**

Additional Business Resources

NEW! Ascent Learning Program for Women Entrepreneurs

Ascent is a first-of-its-kind, free digital e-learning platform geared to help women entrepreneurs grow and expand their businesses. Ascent has valuable content, such as tips on preparing and recovering from disasters, strategic marketing, and business financial strategy development.

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NEW! USDA Value-Added Producer Grants

The objective of this grant program is to assist viable Independent Producers, Agricultural Producer Groups, Farmer and Rancher Cooperatives, and Majority-Controlled Producer-Based Businesses in starting or expanding value-added activities related to the processing and/or marketing of Value-Added Agricultural Products. Grants will be awarded competitively for either planning or working capital projects directly related to the processing and/or marketing of value-added products. All proposals must demonstrate economic viability and sustainability to compete for funding.

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Albuquerque's Minority Business Development Center

Minority business owners looking to build their businesses have a new resource in Albuquerque's Minority Business Development Center. The facility will provide access to capital, opportunity sourcing, help with certifications and registrations, strategic planning consultation, and other services.

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Updated Interest Rates for the 504 Loan Program

The U.S. Small Business Administration announced the updated interest rates for the 504 Loan Program offered by Certified Development Companies (CDC). The program now allows for 10, 20, and 25-year interest rates at 2.231%, 2.364%, and 2.399%, respectively. Small businesses can now apply for a 504 loan at these low-interest rates.

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Additional Community Resources

NEW! The Albuquerque Community Foundation Grant Program

The Albuquerque Community Foundation is currently accepting applications for the 2021

Competitive Grant Program in the following fields of interest: Arts & Culture, Education, and Environmental & Historic Preservation.

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NEW! TRIBAL RESOURCE: Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Nutrition Education (FDPNE) Grant Program

Nutrition education should focus on how USDA Foods in the FDPIR food package may be used to contribute to a healthy diet. The Indian Tribal Organization (ITO) or State Agency (SA) shall work with appropriate organizations and partners such as: extension agents, registered dieticians, diabetes coordinators, and public health nutrition professionals to provide food and nutrition information, recipes, or cooking demonstrations for households who participate or are eligible to participate in the FDPIR program.

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NEW! Drinking Water State Revolving Loan Fund (DWSRLF)

DWSRLF finances drinking water projects through the New Mexico Finance Authority. Project Interest Forms are welcome anytime, however, to take full advantage of the DWSRLF's limited annual principal forgiveness subsidy, you must submit your Project Interest Form by **February 8**. Once you submit your Project Interest Form, a community services team member will contact you to walk you through the application process and help ensure your project qualifies for funding.

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NEW! Henry Luce Foundation Theology Program

The Henry Luce Foundation's Theology Program is inviting inquiries for collaborative, experimental, and field-shaping initiatives that enliven the practice of public scholarship on—and promote public understanding of—race, justice, and religion in America. The focus is on projects that seek to rethink understandings of religion and race in America, imagine alternative possibilities, and alter the terms of public discourse. Seminaries and divinity schools, colleges and universities, and other institutions and organizations committed to enriching public discourse on this topic are eligible to apply. Collaborative engagement across sectors and contexts—including religious, academic, media, policy, activist, and/or art communities—is particularly encouraged. Grant requests ranging from \$250,000 to \$750,000 will be considered. Letters of inquiry must be submitted by February 15, invited proposals will be due June 15.

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NEW! Bank of America Charitable Foundation

In 2021, the Foundation will issue two requests for proposals that address the following focus areas:

The Economic Mobility Focused on the Needs of Individuals and Families category provides support for workforce development, education, and basic needs. **Applications will be accepted from January 25 through February 19, 2021.**

The Economic Mobility Focused on the Needs of the Community category provides support for affordable housing, neighborhood revitalization, and small businesses. **Applications will be accepted from May 31 through June 25, 2021.**

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Snapdragon Book Foundation

The Snapdragon Book Foundation seeks to promote children's literacy by providing support to school libraries serving disadvantaged children. Grants are awarded to public, private, and experimental preK-12 schools. Grants typically range from \$2,500 to \$10,000. **Deadline: February 14.**

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Opioid Affected Youth Initiative

The Opioid Affected Youth Initiative supports programs and strategies that identify, respond to, treat,

and support children, youth, and families impacted by the opioid epidemic. The program seeks to develop a data-driven, coordinated response to opioid abuse-related challenges that impact youth and community safety. **Grants.gov deadline: February 8**; **JustGrants deadline: February 22.**

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The People, Prosperity, and the Planet (P3) Award Program

The P3 Award Program provides support to research, develop, design, and demonstrate solutions to real world challenges. The program highlights the use of scientific principles in creating innovative technology-based projects that achieve the mutual goals of improved quality of life, economic prosperity, and protection of the planet. Research areas include air quality, safe and sustainable water resources, sustainable and healthy communities, and chemical safety. **Deadline: February 9.**

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Elevate Initiative

Up to ten grants between \$100,000 and \$300,000 will be awarded to nonprofit organizations that demonstrate a strong commitment to intersectional racial justice and an ability to address economic disparities that affect Black and Brown workers as the result of structural racism. Examples include emerging industry access, systems change initiatives, and workforce development programs. Preference will be given to organizations with people of color in leadership positions. **Application deadline: January 11; invited full proposals deadline: February 12.**

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The Terri Lynne Lokoff Teacher Awards Program

The Terri Lynne Lokoff Teacher Awards program, administered by First Up, acknowledges the critical role of childcare teachers in providing quality early care and education. Applicants must be full-time childcare teachers employed in a home, group, or center-based program for a minimum of three years and meet other eligibility guidelines. Fifty selected teachers will each receive a \$1,000 grant. Of the 50 teachers, one is selected to receive the Helene Marks Award, which includes an additional \$1,000 grant. **Applications must be postmarked by January 29.**

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The Women and Minorities in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Fields Program (WAMS)

WAMS supports research, education and teaching, and extension projects that increase participation by women and underrepresented minorities from rural areas in STEM. The program addresses educational needs within broadly defined areas of food, agriculture, natural resources, and human sciences. Projects should work to improve the economic health and viability of rural communities by developing research and extension initiatives that focus on new and emerging employment opportunities in STEM occupations. Projects that contribute to the economic viability of rural communities are also encouraged. **Deadline: January 21.**

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Save America's Treasures Grants Program

The Save America's Treasures Grants program helps preserve nationally significant historic properties and collections that convey our nation's rich heritage to future generations. The program has separate applications for preservation projects (for properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places for national significance or listed as a National Historic Landmark) and for projects involving collections (including artifacts, museum collections, documents, sculptures, and other works of art). **Deadline: January 26.**

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NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program

The National Park Service is accepting applications for technical assistance to design trails and parks, conserve and improve access to rivers, protect special places, and create recreation opportunities.

Deadline: March 1.

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Equitable Path Forward

Equitable Path Forward is a five-year, \$3.5 billion, nationwide initiative to help dismantle the deeply-rooted legacy of racism in housing – the types of homes that are built, where they're built, who builds them, and the wealth that is generated from them.

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YouthBuild

Grants will be awarded through a competitive process to organizations providing pre-apprenticeship services that support education, occupational skills training, and employment services to at-risk youth, ages 16 to 24, while performing meaningful work and service to their communities. Eligible applicants are public or private non-profit agencies that have previously served disadvantaged youth in a YouthBuild or other similar program. **Deadline: February 2.**

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The Nursing Workforce Diversity Program

The goal of the Nursing Workforce Diversity Program is to expand and support a nursing workforce that includes individuals who are from disadvantaged backgrounds and who are equipped with the tools to provide quality, culturally-aligned care to rural and underserved communities in need. **Deadline: January 19.**

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Fellowships for U.S. Classroom Teachers

Teachers are invited to join a community of educators who are transforming what learning looks like, charting a new course for their students, and revolutionizing their teaching by applying for a life- and career-changing Fund for Teachers fellowship. The Fund awards individual fellowships (funding limit of \$5,000) and team fellowships (funding limit of \$10,000) to pre-K-12 classroom teachers to immerse themselves in their fields of study. Applicants are encouraged to focus on topics and issues most directly facing our nation at this time such as equity, diversity, inclusion, climate change, and civic engagement. Teachers must have a minimum of three years of experience and be full-time teachers spending at least 50% of their time in the classroom. **Deadline: January 21.**

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The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries

The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries provides funds to the country's neediest schools so that they can extend, update, and diversify the book and print collections in their libraries with the goal of encouraging students to develop a love of reading and learning. Public, public charter, private, parochial, city, state, county, and reservation schools are eligible to apply. **Deadline: January 29.**

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Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program

The Five Star and Urban Waters Restoration Grant Program seeks to develop community capacity to sustain local natural resources for future generations by providing financial assistance to diverse local partnerships focused on improving water quality, watersheds, and the species and habitats they support. Projects should increase access to the benefits of nature, reduce the impact of environmental hazards, and engage local communities, particularly underserved communities, in project planning, outreach, and implementation. **Deadline: January 28.**

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Webinar Recordings

Dispatches from New Mexico: Avalanche Safety Education & Resources (12/17/20)

EDD Miniseries for Business Owners of Color Business Resources (12/11/20)

SBA Surety Bond Program Overview (12/10/20)

Southwestern New Mexico Business Finance Fair (12/9/20)

Overview Small Business CARES Relief Grant Program (12/3/20)

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